

BLANKETS.

We have just received two dray loads, about 500 pairs, of Grey Brown, Scarlet and White **Wool Blankets**. We struck a manufacturer who needed room and money and we furnish him both by relieving him of 500 pairs of high-grade Blankets at the lowest price ever named for same quality of goods. Last year we sold more than 100 pairs of Blankets during August. This year we want to double the sale and to do it we must make low prices on the goods. Come in during August and we will sell you Blankets at lower prices than you ever saw them.

CLOAKS.

We have, all told, 234 Ladies', Misses' and Childrens' Cloaks left from last year. We would like to close every one of them before our new cloaks arrive and as an inducement we have divided them in two lots. One lot comprising 126 Cloaks, we will sell at \$2.00 each or less—none of them at over \$2.00. The other lot, 108 Cloaks, we will sell at 40 per cent off of the regular price. This means a \$5.00 Cloak for \$3.00; a \$10.00 Cloak for \$6.00 and so on. Don't fail to take advantage of our Great August Sale.

DRESS GOODS.

Special prices on Dress Goods during August. We must keep our clerks employed and as August is usually a dull month we propose to liven it up by offering special inducements on both Summer and Fall Dress Goods. Hundreds of Short lengths and Remnants at prices that will astonish you.

SHOES.

- Three great bargains in our Shoe Department for August.
- No. 1. About 80 pairs Men's Congress Calf and Dongola, worth \$3.00 and \$3.50 reduced to \$2.50 to close.
 - No. 2. About 150 pairs Women's Kid Oxfords worth from \$1.25 to \$2.50 all at the uniform price of \$1.25 during August.
 - No. 3. About 120 pairs of Children's School Shoes at 95 cents a pair to close August Sale.
- New goods received daily and business will be kept red hot during August at our store.

STARE BROS.

Owens & Sparr ARE THE Leading Clothiers OF WELLINGTON.

WHY?

BECAUSE

They are the keenest judges of Styles and Patterns.

BECAUSE

They have introduced the newest ideas in Ready-Made Clothing.

BECAUSE

Their long experience as fashionable retail clothing Salesmen has put them in touch with the masses' needs.

BECAUSE

They sell more goods than any other house in Sumner county and labor under a much smaller proportionate expense; they give unapproachable values.

BECAUSE

Their stock at all seasons is the best assorted and contains any size in the market that is called for.

BECAUSE

They are the boss Hatters and Furnishers.

OWENS & SPARR.
The One-Price Clothiers.

LOCAL PICK-UPS.

Dr. H. R. Walling is billed to speak at Attica on the 13th.

Melvin Wyatt, the groceryman, made a trip to Oklahoma City this week.

There were several runaways in town this week. Be careful about leaving your teams unhitched.

Miss Hettie Havens, of this city, has been employed to teach one of the rooms in the South Haven schools.

Judge Nebeker has moved his law office into the rooms over Snyder's drug store in the same flat as the *VOICE*.

It is real funny to watch the antics of those who are opposed to the publishing of the names of the relief recipients.

The debate on the railroad question at Milan, mentioned in the *VOICE* last week has been postponed to Saturday evening, August 27.

An anti-horse thief association was organized at Mulvane last week. Too much horse stealing around there demanded protection of some kind.

Mrs. Luke Herring returned from Chicago last Saturday. Luke is improving gradually and will be able to come home perhaps by September 1.

"Farmer" Smith says that Kansas farmers will be apt to "plant" more wheat this fall and not "sow" so much corn next spring as a result of the drouth.

Watermelon wagons are now on the streets every day loaded with as fine melons as are usually grown in Southern Kansas. Melons were a little late this year.

Judge W. O. Bashore, the Calamity Judge of Pratt county, will perhaps speak on the Arlington corner this (Friday) evening. Let everyone come down town and hear him.

The *Argonia Clipper* came to us last week with two pages printed in red, the sequel being the advertisement of Sil Dixon, the energetic grain dealer. Sil is a rustler of the "sure enough" sort.

A. G. Hiltiwanger is adding new goods to his drug stock. His store room has been repaired and refitted since the cyclone and he now has one of the best rooms in town.

A brick business room is almost completed on the site adjoining the Curtis hardware store on the north and will soon be occupied by Wyatt Bros' grocery. Fred Bohanna, editor of the *Daily Mail*, is the builder.

The second annual convention of the Christian Endeavor societies of the fourteenth district of Kansas will be held at Kingman August 30 and 31.

Charley Bright, the genial and jovial mail carrier who climbs the *VOICE* stairway every day, is spending the week on the Chikaskia with his family.

A good glee club will entertain those who attend the People's party meetings at Argyle, London township, this year. The club has secured books and is practicing regularly.

James Hedden was caught between the switch engine and a car while making a coupling in the switch yards here last Sunday morning and severely crushed, but not dangerously.

Rev. Botkin continued his sermon on temperance at the M. E. church last Sunday evening to a good audience. He will preach again on this subject next Sunday evening.

The military band practices almost every evening in the grand stand at the ball grounds. The boys are practicing for their trip to Kansas City, where they will play for the K. of P. encampment.

The *Public School Journal*, edited by Tinkham Bros., is now published weekly. We hope the boys will get along nicely and the editor will not meet the fate of the Denver boy publisher.

Very little is ever heard of the Reed Hopper murder case any more. Reed failed to give bond and is awaiting his trial in the Sumner county jail, just like the "common herd" of criminals.

John Richardson, and his sister, Miss Lizzie, are again visiting the big dry goods houses in Chicago, New York and Philadelphia, purchasing a supply of fall and winter goods. They will be gone about thirty days.

Old wheat is not selling for any more than new wheat and yet it is generally much better for milling purposes. We know of one man who sold 450 bushels of old wheat last week at 50 cents, when new wheat was selling at 54 cents.

The Arkansas City ball team came up last Friday and matched two games with our boys. They played Friday afternoon and the Arkansas City boys were so badly whipped that they left for home Friday night and would not play the second time.

It is said by parties who have had a squint at the relief committee's books that there is a remarkable similarity between the names of those appearing thereon to some of those in the list of tourists to the mountains this week.

J. W. Anderson got inside the city limits last week when he cried the horse sale for W. T. Coverdale and was charged city license. He will now begin to work for city sales, and a better auctioneer cannot be found anywhere.

Dr. H. R. Walling and J. A. Burnette have agreed to fly to the "wilds" of Bluff township, on the night of the 17th inst., to measure intellectual swords. The broad question of the national finances will be discussed at that time in the Scott school house.

During the last two weeks the Rock Island road has been doing a rushing business running cattle out of the Strip south of Caldwell, and the Santa Fe has been running equally as many cattle trains out of the Panhandle country.

J. W. Colville of Mulvane, was a caller Wednesday. Mr. Colville is the nominee of the People's party of Sedgwick county for Superintendent of Schools. He is a very pleasant and scholarly gentleman and the people of Sedgwick county have undoubtedly made a good choice. Mr. Colville thinks the ticket sure of election.

Charley Hatfield, the whole-souled, business-like young salesman in the Alliance Exchange at Belle Plaine, came down Tuesday after "papers" to wed Miss Lillian Mark, a charming young lady of Gore township. The ceremony was performed by Eld. D. T. Broadbush, of Conway Springs. The *VOICE* takes exceptional pleasure in tendering congratulations to this worthy young couple.

The sermon preached recently by Rev. J. W. McLaughlin at Slate creek creek school house on "Usury, from a Bible standpoint," is exciting a good deal of interest over the county. He has had several urgent calls to deliver it elsewhere and has finally consented to favor the people of Home Valley the second Sunday in September. Remember the date and go and hear him.

The action of the Mulvane people in negotiating with rain makers was not a very flattering compliment on the ability of the Republican party in that line. Perhaps our Mulvane friends had not heard of the g. o. p. being in that business. Those wishing to negotiate for rain will please take notice that they should apply to J. T. Sanders, chairman of the Republican Central Committee of Sumner county.

Martin Armstrong, for several years past a prominent citizen of Milan, has moved to Velasco, Texas. Our readers will remember the letters written to the *VOICE* from Velasco by Mr. Armstrong some time ago. We were afraid he was getting badly "stuck" on Velasco at the time.

A Keeley institute for the cure of the liquor, opium and tobacco habits has been opened at 215 South Main street, Wichita. The institute is in charge of Dr. W. A. Noble, formerly of Caldwell, and is the only place in Southern Kansas where the genuine treatment by Dr. Keeley's celebrated double chloride of gold process can be obtained. This institute is a branch of Dwight, Ill., and all remedies are sent direct from Dr. Keeley's laboratory. Beware of all imitations, which are fraudulent.

We sell a Steel Range with twenty gallon tank, oven nineteen by twenty-two inches, six vessel holes and malleable top for \$45.00.—Curtis Hardware Company.

Wm. Hinchcliffe came up from Caldwell Monday morning to get a license to wed Miss Florence Posey, and like a staid old married man, dropped a dollar into the *VOICE*'s till for the paper. The *VOICE* takes a thousand times more pleasure in bestowing its blessing on them under these circumstances than if they had brought us a bushel of cake. They are a worthy couple and we trust their lives may be pleasantly cast. The wedding took place on Tuesday.

S. H. New Era: Steve Riggs accidentally shot himself at Hunnewell Wednesday evening while putting a 45-calibre pistol in his hip pocket. The ball took effect in the hip and running downward, probably striking a bone, came out at the lower part of the thigh. It is claimed that there had been some difficulty between young Riggs and some Hunnewell man, and after a peaceable adjustment of matters Steve attempted to put up his gun without lowering the hammer, when it went off. The wound is a severe one at this time of year.

Daily Mail, Saturday: Last Monday, two weeks ago, Luke Herring, after a month's preparation, submitted to another operation at the Presbyterian hospital at Chicago. Although the operation was very serious and comparatively new in surgery, it proved to be a perfect success and Mr. Herring, who is possessed of a wonderfully strong constitution, has rallied well from the effects of it and already is out of bed and able to be wheeled around in a invalid chair. In several weeks he will have recovered strength sufficient to return home, if no relapse occurs.

When you have prescriptions to be filled or need drugs of any kind, A. G. Hiltiwanger, under opera house, will make you the best prices. Call and see him. 43-44

A subscription of \$600 was raised in a few hours Tuesday for the purpose of having the Goodland rainmakers "try their hand" in this locality. The company was telegraphed for, when they raised the bid to \$1,000 and wanted five days in which to bring down the aqua, but the parties interested concluded that if they had to wait for Hick's forecast to be fulfilled, they would keep their money and run their chances on the weather prophet's prediction.—*Mulvane Graphic*.

N. W. Bishop and wife, an aged couple living on a farm near Milan, came to town on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Bishop wanted to make some purchases around town and told his wife, who is feeble-minded at times to remain in Worden & Austin's grocery. Soon after his departure she left the store and wandered around town all the afternoon. She was found about nine o'clock on the Santa Fe track near Slate creek, almost exhausted.

Quite a delegation of Wellington and Sumner county citizens took advantage of the cheap rates to Denver, and are now visiting the principal cities of Colorado and Utah. Among those who are enjoying mountain air are M. E. Simmons, M. V. B. Holmes, Mrs. M. R. Jackson, Miss Calista Martin, Mr. and Mrs. S. Crane, W. H. Carnes, D. S. Rose, F. G. Fay and wife, Clem Spruance and wife, Thos. Donohue and wife, B. F. Sparr and wife, B. F. Michael and wife, T. A. Hubbard and wife, Dr. D. P. Wetzel and wife, H. S. Carter and wife, Geo. Veal and wife, J. P. Wimer and wife, A. R. Downs and wife, W. B. Spears, J. L. Edwards, Frank Frantz, A. Graft, J. C. Davis, J. R. Latta, W. S. Lawrence, J. H. Maxey, B. F. Kelsey, A. A. Richards, T. V. Ogden, J. C. O. Morse, J. R. Heskett, Mrs. J. T. Sanders, Miss Maude Sanders, Mrs. W. D. Murrell, Mrs. Harry Zeigler, Mrs. Ira I. Scott, Miss Maud Barrett, Mrs. Wm. Arnold, Miss Ida Claypool, Miss Bessie Crawford, J. C. Edmondson, L. S. Cogswell, D. D. Moss, Miss Mary Anderson, Mrs. Josie King, Mrs. J. W. Oliver, Mrs. J. C. Lamdin, Mrs. Olive E. Barry, F. W. Galli.

ADVANCE BUYERS.

To those careful housewives who never fail to prepare for a rainy day, we direct you to say: Prepare now for winter by buying your supplies in August.

Monday, Aug. 8

We will commence an Advance Sale in

Cloaks,
Blankets,
Cotton Flannels,
and - -
Fall and Winter
Dress Goods

at prices which will
well repay Advance
Purchasers.

Beginning last February when our buyers were in New York and Philadelphia, we have succeeded in obtaining many choice bargains direct from first hands, which can truthfully be called **SNAPS**.

Remember that we did not need these goods and only bought them in advance because they were cheap, and they are offered in advance because our buyers are on their way to New York and Philadelphia, and we must make room for the largest stock ever opened in Wellington.

We will sell in August, @ \$1.49 pairs of extra good 10-4 grey blankets, high colored borders, smooth surface, well worth \$2 at \$1.49. Hurry up, as these goods won't last.

This figure will carry away 35 pairs of white and grey 10-4 blankets that are a snap at the price.

\$3.90 This will be the advance sale price per pair for the finest high-class, all-wool scarlet blankets ever offered in this market for the money. We have bought blankets by the dozens and blankets by the case and all come direct from first hands.

136 CLOAKS 136

Must be sold during the month of August. Do you realize what we mean by the expression, **MUST** be sold?

Now, to careful, close buyers, let us say, attend this August Advance Sale of cloaks and make good wages for your time.

Cotton Flannels

In this great necessity we offer the best value we ever put on our counters at the popular prices, 8 1/2c, 10c and 12 1/2c. We have figured with the best houses in America to get these goods, and we own them cheap. We offer a flannel at 5c that is a bargain, but our popular priced goods are wonderful bargains. Buy them in August and have the goods made up before the cold weather sets in. If you are not acquainted with the great value we give for the money in cotton flannels, come and see us.

Dress Goods.

In this August Advance Sale we will show, fresh from the factories big lines of dress goods to keep out the cold, chilly winds of October and November, and it pays to have them made up and ready for use before the winds come.

Summer Goods.

Yet remaining in stock will be sold at shovel-em-out prices, and you must not forget that we are always reliably the cheapest house in southern Kansas for reliable goods in all departments.

Shoes.

Our shoe department contains a complete line of Ladies', Misses' and Children's footwear of the very best makes.

Our Store

Is just as bright as a new pin. Come in and see us.

Largest and best lighted salesroom in the city.

**RICHARDSON
& CO.**